

5. DANGER OF BEING A \_\_\_\_\_

PSALM 14:1

*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

6. OUR LIVES MUST \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRUTHS WE TEACH

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7. HELPING \_\_\_\_\_ EVALUATE THEMSELVES

PROVERBS 9:7–9

*<sup>7</sup> He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. <sup>8</sup>Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.*

8. \_\_\_\_\_ INTO THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS

A. Boundaries versus \_\_\_\_\_

B. Decision makers with \_\_\_\_\_

C. Christ is our supreme example of \_\_\_\_\_

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

CONCLUSION: \_\_\_\_\_

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TODAY'S LESSON:  
AUTHORITY IS GOD'S PLAN

INTRODUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. HIERARCHY IN CREATION

A. God's relationship with humankind

PSALM 8:3–4

*<sup>3</sup> When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; <sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

MATTHEW 4:45

*That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

B. The Angel's relationship with humankind

PSALM 8:5

*For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

PSALM 91:11–12

<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

<sup>12</sup> They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

### C. Humankind's relationship to the earthly creation

PSALM 8:6–8

<sup>6</sup> Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; <sup>8</sup> The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

## 2. HIERARCHY IN PEOPLE'S RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER

### A. Authority in the workplace

COLOSSIANS 4:1

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

LEVITICUS 19:13

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

COLOSSIANS 3:22

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;

1 TIMOTHY 6:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. <sup>2</sup> And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

### B. Authority in the church

1 PETER 5:1–3

<sup>1</sup> The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that

shall be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; <sup>3</sup> Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

HEBREWS 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

### C. Authority in the state

1 PETER 2:13–14

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; <sup>14</sup> Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

### D. Authority in the home

EPHESIANS 6:1–3

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. <sup>2</sup> Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; <sup>3</sup> That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

PSALM 119:44–45

<sup>44</sup> So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. <sup>45</sup> And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

## 3. RICH REWARDS FOR OBEDIENCE PROMISED

### A. Obedience

### B. Honor

### C. It will go well for you

### D. You will enjoy long life

## 4. WHY THIS IS SO \_\_\_\_\_

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